



# NAVAL BASE CORONADO

# SAF-T-LINES



**MAY 2006**

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## **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**



Each year, May is designated Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. States and motorcycle organizations across the country conduct a variety of activities to promote the importance of motorist awareness and sharing the road with motorcyclists.

Motorist awareness is an important component of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's comprehensive motorcycle safety program. Over two-thirds of fatal motorcycle crashes involve a motorcycle and another vehicle. The motorist either does not see oncoming motorcycle at all or does not see the motorcycle in time to avoid a crash. It is important for motorists to know that their actions affect the safety of motorcyclists. A motorist and a motorcyclist may take different actions for the same driving

or highway situation. For example, a motorist may ignore a piece of road debris; however, that same piece of road debris may be deadly for a motorcyclist.

Motorcycle safety is vital for anyone operating any type of vehicle. With the increased number of motorcycle owners coupled with the rising cost of gasoline, this summer will generate a proliferation in the use of motorcycles. Sales of motorcycles continue to climb every year. It is important that automobile drivers, bicycle riders and pedestrians understand the necessity of safely and sensibly sharing the road with motorcyclists.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation's (MSF) mission is to make our nation's streets and highways safe for motorcyclists through rider training programs which provide necessary instruction on how to operate a motorcycle carefully, with emphasis on the special skills and mental attitudes necessary for dealing with traffic and critical situations. Since the Rider Course was introduced in 1974 over 2.25 million individuals have participated in this program and more than 1/3 of all MSF Rider Course graduates are women.

Approximately 2, 000 motorcyclists are killed, and more than 50,000 are injured in traffic crashes each year. Many of these injuries and deaths could be prevented if motorcycle riders and their passengers wore helmets.

**As a motorist or a passenger, there are some steps to become more aware of motorcyclists.**

***Respect the motorcyclist:***

Remember the motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the privileges of any vehicle on the roadway. Give the motorcyclist a full lane of travel.

***Look out:***

Look for the motorcyclist on the highway, at intersections, when a motorcyclist may be making a left turn, and when a motorcyclist may be changing lanes. Clearly signal your intentions.

***Anticipate a motorcyclist's maneuver:***

Obstructions (debris, potholes, etc.) that you may ignore or not notice can be deadly for a motorcyclist. Predict evasive actions.

***Allow plenty of space:***

Don't follow a motorcycle too closely. Allow enough room for the motorcyclist to take evasive actions.

Contact Navy Region Southwest Traffic Safety Office at 619-532-1350 or [cnrswtrafficsafety.com](http://cnrswtrafficsafety.com) to find out more about Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

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# Tips for Preventing Motorcycle Injuries

**If you ride a motorcycle, always wear a helmet.** Helmets are your best defense against serious and fatal brain injuries. The following tips, offered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, may also reduce your chance of injury:

- In addition to your helmet, wear eye and face protection. Many helmets have built-in visors or other face guards. Wear long pants, gloves, boots, and a durable long-sleeved jacket.
- Get licensed. All states require a motorcycle license.
- Never drink alcohol before operating a motorcycle.
- Follow all the rules of the road. Don't speed—40 percent of motorcyclists who died in crashes were speeding.
- Watch for hazards on the road, such as large cracks, holes, and bumps. Keep an eye out for vehicles coming from driveways and side streets.
- Make sure your headlight is on every time you ride. (This is a law in most states.)
- Don't let anyone ride with you until you are skilled at riding in all kinds of conditions.
- If you're a new rider, take a motorcycle riders' course.



When passengers ride with you, they must wear a helmet and protective gear. The tips that follow, gathered from several states' motorcycle operator's manuals, may increase the safety of your passengers:

- Insist that passengers sit behind you on the motorcycle.
- Make sure passengers' feet can reach the footrests. Insist that they keep their feet on the footrests at all times, even when you stop.
- Don't let passengers get on the motorcycle until after you start it.
- Tell your passengers to lean with you when you turn.
- Insist that passengers hold on to your waist all the time.
- Instruct passengers to keep their legs away from the muffler to avoid burns.
- Ask that passengers limit their movement and talking.

# PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLE (PMV) ON-LINE SURVEY AND FOCUS GROUP

The Secretary of the Navy has directed that a Private Motor Vehicle (PMV) Traffic Safety Summit be convened in Washington, D. C. in the fall of 2006. This meeting will involve senior leaders of the Navy and Marine Corps. The purpose of the meeting is to address the rising number of Navy and Marine Corps PMV fatalities and to identify appropriate actions and recommendations necessary to prevent these accidents. PMV fatalities are tragic from a human loss perspective and increasingly affect the readiness of the Navy and Marine Corps.

As a prelude to the fall 2006 Traffic Safety Summit, the Naval Safety Center will conduct PMV Focus Group meetings with both Navy and Marine Corps personnel in the high-risk age groups and first-line supervisors to solicit their ideas for improvement of Navy and Marine Corps Traffic Safety Programs. This information will be analyzed and presented to Senior Navy and Marine Corps leaders at the PMV Summit.

All selected commands who will participate in the PMV Summit On-Line Survey will have their command personnel access the Naval Safety Center website homepage:

<http://www.safetycenter.navy.mil> and click on the **PMV Summit Survey** icon to take the survey. All selected command participants are requested to complete the on-line PMV Survey not later than 01 June 2006.

PMV Focus Group Meeting is scheduled at Naval Base Coronado on 04 May 2006 in building 678 Room 222-229, Naval Air Station North Island. POC is Mr. Robert Chatman, Phone Number: (619- 545-1049).

## NAVOSH TRAINING

### CPR CERTIFICATION CLASS

**Date:** 7 June 2005  
**Where:** Bldg 678, Classroom 222  
**Time:** 0800 – 1200

Please call Mr. Tom Hirzel at (619) 767-7546 or “E” mail [Thomas.hirzel@navy.mil](mailto:Thomas.hirzel@navy.mil) for questions regarding the course. To reserve a seat, fax quota request at 545-1053.

### RESPIRATOR TRAINING CLASS

**Date:** 8 June 2005  
**Where:** Bldg 678, Classroom 222  
**Time:** Respiratory Program Assistant – 0800-1200  
Respiratory Protection Program (Users)- 1300-1430

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# ***NAVOSH INSPECTION (ANNUAL) SCHEDULE***

<b>COMMAND</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>BACHELOR HOUSING</b>	<b>03 MAY</b>
<b>FOOD SERVICES</b>	<b>10 MAY</b>
<b>SECURITY TRAINING ASSISTANCE ASSESSMENT TEAM</b>	<b>10 MAY</b>
<b>FALLBROOK (ORDNANCE)</b>	<b>16 MAY</b>
<b>EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL GROUP ONE</b>	<b>23 MAY</b>
<b>DEFENSE AUTOMATED PRINTING SERVICE</b>	<b>24 MAY</b>
<b>FLEET IMAGING COMMAND PACIFIC</b>	<b>31 MAY</b>
<b>FALLBROOK (BACHELOR HOUSING)</b>	<b>13 JUN</b>
<b>CNATTU</b>	<b>20 JUN</b>
<b>NATEC</b>	<b>21 JUN</b>
<b>FACSFAC</b>	<b>28 JUN</b>

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